[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

Public Health Lectures.

251. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Sanitary Commissioner has issued circulars to the Sanitary Circle Officers to deliver health lectures in the course of their inspection work?

(*b*) If so, will they be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of lectures delivered by each Sanitary Officer in 1098 and up to Dhanu, 1099, the places at which they were delivered, the names of the officers who have lectured, the names of the chairmen of those meetings, the subjects dealt with and the approximate number of people assembled at each of such meetings?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Since the abolition of the Public Lecture Committee, the Sanitary Circle Officers have been having informal talks with the people during their inspections on matters of public health.

(*b*) A statement* containing the available information is laid on the table.

Village Road to Nizhur.

252. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the existence of a village road branching off from the Kottayam-Muvattupuzha road at the 110th mile north-west to the Nizhur temple?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to say whether this road has ever been repaired?

(*c*) Have the Government received any petition from the people of the locality praying for improving and extending this road so as to serve the villages of Kattampakkal, Nizhur, Arunuttimangalam and other places and to connect it with the newly constructed Talayolapparampu-Kuttattukulam road?

(*d*) Is it a fact that in their petition they have expressed their willingness to hand over the necessary site for the road to the Government without any compensation therefor?

(*e*) Has this locality been inspected by any officers of the Public Works Department?

(*f*) Are the Government aware that there is absolutely no means of communication to the villages of Kattampakkal and other places in the interior?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is reported that there is a *poramboke* path.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The matter is under enquiry.

* *Vide* appendix V —pages 921 and 922.

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(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Kattampakkal is connected with the 112th mile of the Main Central Road by a cartable road which is maintained by the Public Works Department.

Working Plans of the Shendurni Circle.

253. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanar*) : (*a*) Has the Conservator of Forests submitted revised proposals *re.* the working plans of the Shendurni Working Circle referred to in paragraph 5 of the Government Review of the Forest Administration Report for 1097 ?

(*b*) Have these proposals received the approval of the Government ?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state how the correctness of the data therein was verified and by whom ?

(*d*) If the proposals are based on correct data, will the Government be pleased to enquire how working plans on incorrect data happened to be adopted and whether the officers responsible for their collection have any valid explanation to offer ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These questions do not arise in the light of the answer to part (*a*).

Cocoanut Plantations in the Shertallai Taluk.

254. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*) : (*a*) How many acres of land in the Shertallai taluk covered with cocoanut plantations require watering during the summer season ?

(*b*) How many cocoanut trees are there in such tracts according to the last Settlement ?

(*c*) What is the amount of land revenue collected from these tracts ?

(*d*) Do the Government know that, owing to the rise in wages, the watering of cocoanut trees is becoming almost impossible and that there are many acres of cocoanut gardens that are not watered and are consequently deteriorating ?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to pay early attention to this state of affairs and devise means for introducing some easy and cheap method of watering cocoanut trees which form the wealth of the taluk ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) and (*c*) According to the Final Settlement Report, the total number of cocoanut trees assessed to revenue is 14,70,469 and the net revenue on garden lands is Rs. 90,867.

(*d*) Government have no information.

(*e*) The matter has been referred to the Director of Industries.

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